

species must be elected for examination. Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement. However, in order to be responsive to the Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute Claims 37-70, stated by the Examiner to constitute Species I that corresponds to a process and apparatus for processing mailpieces, comprising sorter application software. However, should the Examiner find a generic claim to be allowable, Applicants respectfully request all of the dependent claims directed to both alleged species to be examined and allowed with the generic claim.

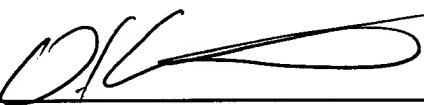
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